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SUBJECT: UNRWA ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING, AUGUST 10, 1977

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1. SUMMARY: UNRWA ADCOM MEETING HELD AUGUST 10.

ARABS MADE EXPECTED POLITICAL COMMENTS ABOUT ISRAEL,
BUT MEETING RAN SMOOTHLY AND WAS UNEVENTFUL. END SUMMARY.

2. UNRWA ADCOM MEETING HELD AUGUST 10 TO CONSIDER
COMMISSIONER-GENERAL MCELHINEY'S DRAFT REPORT. ALL
ADCOM DELEGATES REPRESENTED WITH EXCEPTION OF LEBANON.
MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY SYRIA'S DELEGATE, AHMAD ABDUL
HADI, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF SYRIAN AUTHORITY FOR
PALESTINE ARAB REFUGEES.

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3. COMGEN OPENED MEETING BY STATING THAT FOR
CURRENT YEAR THERE IS DEFICIT OF \$13.8 MILLION
WITH VIRTUALLY NO PROSPECT OF ALL OF THIS
DEFICIT BEING COVERED. THIS WILL NECESSARILY,
HE CONCLUDED, RESULT IN SOME REDUCTION IN
SERVICES BEFORE END OF YEAR, WITH REDUCTION
IN RATIONS BEGINNING NEXT MONTH

IF NO IMPROVEMENT. HE REFERRED, DISCUSSING BUDGET FOR UPCOMING YEAR, TO INCREASED EDUCATIONAL COSTS AND ALSO TO HIS NEW APPROACH FOR OBTAINING FUNDS (REFTEL B), WHICH HE HOPED WOULD HELP PERENNIAL DEFICIT PROBLEM IN FUTURE.

4. COMGEN NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF IMPROVEMENT OF SITUATION IN BEIRUT, HE AND HIS STAFF WILL MOVE IN EARLY OCTOBER FROM VIENNA BACK TO BEIRUT. ASSUMING CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE, HE ENVISIONS THAT VIRTUALLY ALL HEADQUARTERS STAFF NOW IN AMMAN AND VIENNA WILL BE BACK IN BEIRUT BY END OF NOVEMBER.

5. MCELHINEY NOTED UNRWA IS CONSTRUCTING NEW REFUGEE CAMP NEAR SIDON FOR 8,500 REFUGEES CURRENTLY LIVING IN DAMUR. CAMP WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PERMIT EXPANSION, IF NECESSARY, TO ACCOMMODATE 20,000 REFUGEES.

6. REPLYING IN ARABIC AS REPRESENTATIVE OF ARAB HOST GOVERNMENTS, EGYPTIAN DELEGATE AMBASSADOR SHARAF, DIRECTOR OF PALESTINE DEPARTMENT IN CAIRO, READ LENGTHY RHETORICAL LIST OF TRADITIONAL ARAB COMPLAINTS INCLUDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NECESSITY, DESPITE DEFICIT, OF NOT CUTTING UNRWA SERVICES; DESIRE OF ARABS THAT COPY OF DRAFT REPORT NOT BE SHOWN ISRAELIS; REQUEST FOR POLITICAL DISCUSSION IN REPORT OF HOW REFUGEE SITUATION CAME ABOUT; AND NECESSITY OF WRITING NEW SECTION IN DRAFT REPORT WHERE ALL "ILLEGAL" ISRAELI ACTIVITIES WOULD BE OUTLINED. FAILURE OF SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION DEVICES RESULTED IN ADCOM MEMBERS BEING TREATED TO AMBASSADOR SHARAF'S REPEATING HIS SPEECH IN ITS ENTIRETY IN EQUALLY ELOQUENT ENGLISH.

7. JAPANESE DELEGATE ANNOUNCED ADDITIONAL SMALL CONTRIBUTION AND, REFERRING TO BUDGET CRISIS, NOTED THAT COMMUNIST BLOC COUNTRIES HAD NEVER CONTRIBUTED. UK DELEGATE, EMPHASIZING NEED ALSO FOR GREATER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, RESERVED JUDGMENT ON NEW PROPOSAL FOR OBTAINING FUNDS. PER REF A, U.S. DEL DEFORD EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR NEW INITIATIVE IN OBTAINING FUNDS, EMPHASIZED CONTINUATION OF U.S. SUPPORT, AND POINTED OUT THAT INCREASED ATTEMPTS SHOULD

BE MADE TO OBTAIN MONEY FROM OIL-RICH
ARAB COUNTIRES.

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8. REQUIRED LETTER TO COMGEN FROM ADCOM
WAS THEN DRAFTED IN COMMITTEE MEETING OF UK,
US, SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN DELEGATES:
BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. MCELHINEY,
IN ITS MEETING HELD IN AMMAN ON 10 AUGUST
1977, THE ADVISORY COMMISSION OF UNRWA CONSIDERED
THE DRAFT REPORT WHICH YOU INTEND TO SUBMIT TO THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ITS THIRTY-
SECOND SESSION ON THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES DURING
THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1976 - 30 JUNE 1977, AND
THE REMARKS MADE THEREON BY ITS MEMBERS.
THE COMMISSION HOPES THAT THE EFFORTS TO
ESTABLISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST WOULD ENSURE THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINE REFUGEES.
THE COMMISSION APPRECIATES THE POSITIVE
POSITION BEHIND YOUR PROPOSAL TO ASSURE ADEQUATE
AND TIMELY FUNDING FOR UNRWA, AND EXPRESSES ITS
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DEEP CONCERN OFR THE CONTINUED DEFICIT IN THE AGENCY'S BUDGET. THE COMMISSION HOPES THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE WILL BE ABLE TO DEAL, IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER, WITH THE PROBLEMS OF FINANCING OF UNRWA, WHICH IS AN INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. IT ALSO HOPES THAT THE AGENCY WILL BE IN A POSITION TO ENABLE IT TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICES AND EXTEND THEM TO ALL ENTITLED PALESTINE REFUGEES.

THE COMMISSION NOTES THAT YOU HAVE AGREED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE REMARKS MADE BY THE MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE MADE BY THE ARAB HOST STATES, WHEN PREPARING YOUR REPORT IN ITS FINAL FORM.

THE COMMISSION EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICES AND EFFORTS MADE BY THE FORMER COMMISSIONER-GENERAL, SIR JOHN RENNIE. IT ALSO WISHES YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR TASK AND EXPRESSES TO THE AGENCY STAFF ITS APPRECIATION OF THEIR EFFORTS AND SERVICES.

YOURS SINCERELY, CHAIRMAN, ADVISORY COMMISSION.
END TEXT.

9. COMMENT: SECOND AND, IF COMGEN ADHERES TO PLANS, LAST ADCOM MEETING IN AMMAN, WAS, DESPITE TRADITIONAL ARAB RHETORIC, EXTREMELY LOW KEY WITH NO MENTION OF PLO INVOLVEMENT. ARABS WERE SATISFIED, AS IN PAST, WITH GIVING LONG STATEMENT OF GRIEVANCES ALTHOUGH THEY WERE WELL AWARE COMGEN HAD NO INTENTION OF ALTERING HIS REPORT IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY AS RESULT THEIR REMARKS. WHEN, FOR EXAMPLE, EGYPTIAN DELEGATE, WHO WAS ATTENDING ADCOM FOR FIRST TIME, PROPOSED IN ENGLISH THAT HIS SPEECH BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUDED AS ADDITION TO FULL REPORT, SYRIAN CHAIRMAN EXPLAINED TO HIM IN ARABIC THAT THIS WAS NOT DONE, AND MATTER WAS QUICKLY DROPPED.
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